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**Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Its Member Agencies
Are Meeting the Governor's Emergency Call for 20% Water Conservation to Address Drought**

Inland Empire, California – The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) announced today that its customers are currently meeting Governor Jerry Brown's call for a voluntary 20 percent cut in water use to help meet the State of California's urgent water needs.

"With 2014 projected to be one of the driest years on record for the state, it is vital that everyone in California do their part to reduce their use of water," said Terry Catlin, IEUA Board President. "I am proud to report that our service area is using significantly less water than in previous years. In April, we achieved a 20 percent reduction, and we appear to be on track to achieve more for the month of May – possibly as high as a 27 percent reduction in water use over an average of the past three years."

IEUA and its member agencies started ramping up their water use efficiency programs in January in response to the Governor's Executive Order declaring a Drought State of Emergency. IEUA adopted a formal drought resolution on April 16, 2014, calling for extraordinary conservation actions to achieve a 20 percent reduction in water use. IEUA also provides recycled water to replace the use of potable supplies for outdoor watering and other non-potable uses, further stretching the region's drinking water supplies for indoor use.

"While we are pleased with our community's response, we need to increase our efforts as we enter the long hot summer months when our regions' water usage usually peaks," said Catlin. "No one knows when the state's severe drought will end. There are no guarantees that we will see a return to normal rainfall levels in the fall."

"Every drop of water we save today is the water we will need next year," continued Catlin. "What we do today matters – for the Inland Empire, for Southern California and for the entire state."

The most important action that residents can take now is to reduce their outdoor watering. Over 60% of our region's residential water use is for landscaping. Residents should also comply with their city drought ordinances that include restrictions on watering schedules and water waste.

IEUA and its member agencies offer a variety of rebates and workshops including landscape classes, sprinkler nozzles, and free landscape evaluations to help customers save as much water as possible outdoors. Visit www.ieua.org for additional information.

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency covers 242-square miles, distributes imported water, provides industrial/municipal wastewater collection and treatment services, and other related utility services to more than 830,000 people through its member agencies which include Chino, Chino Hills, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana, Fontana Water Company, Montclair, Monte Vista Water District, Ontario, and Upland.

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